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OHIO RESIDENT EDUCATOR PROGRAM

Fact Sheet 2

In January 2009, Gov. Ted Strickland introduced a new licensure system for teachers in Ohio which includes a Resident Educator License for beginning teachers. Recognizing that beginning teachers need additional support and training, the four-year teacher residency program will provide Ohio's newest educators with coaching, mentoring and guidance that is critical to long and successful careers as educators.

The Resident Educator License will be issued beginning in January 2011, and the Resident Educator Program will begin full implementation in fall 2011.

The Resident Educator Program will include the following components:

- Mentoring by teachers who hold a lead professional educator license;
- Counseling to ensure that program participants receive needed professional development;
- Measures of appropriate progression through the program;
- Alignment to the Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession;
- Self assessment and reflection;
- Goal setting; and
- Formative assessments.

The State Board of Education, Educator Standards Board, Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Board of Regents will begin developing the Resident Educator Program in fall 2009. This work will include engaging Ohio educators to participate in a state development committee.

The Resident Educator Program Development Committee will provide recommendations to the Educator Standards Board. The Board will review and make recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding components of the Resident Educator Program.

Nomination forms for the Development Committee will be distributed in July to key stakeholder groups across the state and be available on ODE's Web site. Educators interested in serving on the Resident Educator Program Development Committee have until Aug. 26, 2009, to submit their applications. The Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Board of Regents will review applications and select committee members who represent:

- Geographic regions across the state;
- Urban, rural and suburban teachers from different grade and subject areas;
- School administrators (public, private, JVS, community school); and
- Faculty from Ohio's higher education institutions.

Resident Educator Program Development Committee meetings will begin in October 2009, and continue through June 2010. It is expected that there will be a minimum of six multi-day meetings in the Columbus area.